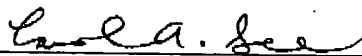


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PATENT
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In re Application of)	
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For: Esterase Enzymes, DNA Encoding)	
Esterase Enzymes and Vectors and)	
Host Cells Incorporating Same)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED MAY 7, 2003

Commissioner of Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 7, 2003. Applicants also petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the present Office Action. In order to assist Applicants, Applicants respectfully request that the Office correct the Attorney Docket No. in the files to "GC362-2D1-US." Applicants also respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the application as indicated on page 2. A marked-up version of the specification's replacement paragraphs pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121(b), as well as a complete set of Claims follows, indicating the status of each Claim, follows beginning on page 3. Remarks pertaining to the Office Action and amendments made herein begin on page 7.

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